

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following new paragraph after paragraph [006] on page 2:

[006.1] In another embodiment, a system for conveying a string of packaging cushions comprises a machine capable of manufacturing the string of packaging cushions and a transport conveyor adapted to transport the string of packaging cushions. The transport conveyor has an inlet end capable of receiving the string of packaging cushions and an outlet end capable of delivering the string of packaging cushions. The transport conveyor comprises two or more transport conveyor sections. At least one of the transport conveyor sections is adapted to be moveable between a conveyor-section open position and a conveyor-section closed position. The conveyor-section open position creates an intermediate outlet between the inlet and outlet ends of the transport conveyor and establishes an intermediate flow path for the string of packaging cushions along the transport conveyor from the transport conveyor inlet end through the intermediate outlet. In the conveyor-section closed position the intermediate outlet is closed to establish a primary flow path for the string of packaging cushions past the intermediate outlet location. A rotating member is adapted to cooperate with the transport conveyor to propel the string of packaging cushions from the machine to the transport conveyor inlet end and between the rotating member and the transport conveyor.